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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ECUASIDER MINI-STEEL MILL

REF: BATEMAN MEM CON 8-3-76, QUITO A-46

1. MIDREX INFORMS THEY HAVE HAD RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH TOVAR OF ECUASIDER REGARDING THEIR INTEREST IN SUPPLY-
ING 400,000 MT/Y DIRECT REDUCTION UNIT FOR SUBJECT
PROJECT. ACCORDING TO MIDREX THEIR UNIT WILL SUPPLY
SUFFICIENT SPONGE IRON FOR 500,000 MT/Y MINI-STEEL MILL.
COMPANY UNDERSTANDS ECUASIDER'S CURRENT TIMETABLE IS
FOR GAS LINE TO BE INSTALLED BY EARLY 1978 WITH STEEL
PRODUCTION COMMENCING IN LATE 1979 EARLY 1980.

2. MIDREX HAS ISSUED AN ORAL INVITATION TO TOVAR AND
CHIEF ENGINEER FIGUEROA TO VISIT THEIR U.S. FACILITIES
AT COMPANY EXPENSE IN MID-OCTOBER. THEY ARE FOLLOWING
UP WITH FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION A COPY OF WHICH WE
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WILL AIR POUCH TO POST FOR ATTENTION COM/ATT BATEMAN.

IN THE INTERIM WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY OFFERING TOVAR
APPROPRIATE USG ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING VISIT. REQUEST
EMBASSY REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH TOVAR SO THAT WE CAN IN-
FORM MIDREX OF RESPONSE TO THEIR INVITATION. ROBINSON

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